Decline in Export of Leather

1648. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of Indian leather has declined at an alarming rate;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to boost the export of leather?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a)'No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has taken various steps and policy initiatives for export promotion of leather and leather products. These include implementation of Duty Exemption Pass Book Scheme and Duty Drawback Scheme; Tannery Modernisation Scheme; de-reservation of tanning and footwear sector from small scale industry; providing financial assitance to exporters for marketing of export products outside the country; and assisting in design and product development through Institutes like Footwear Design and Development Institute and Central Leather Research Institute.

Anti-Dumping proceedings against Indian Steel

1649. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact USA is taking an anti-dumping action against India due to huge export of Indian steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent of adverse effect this will have on the Indian steel industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI):